

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 517 without my signature.

While I appreciate the author's attempt to provide minimum statewide standards for body piercing, tattooing and the application of permanent cosmetics, I do not see a compelling need at this time for additional legislation. Body art guidelines were developed several years ago, and local jurisdictions have the option to establish these requirements in their own county. Many counties have chosen to do so, and I am unaware of why the state must take further action to regulate these businesses.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger